

Hampton CITY PAGE

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Hampton Citizen Corps



Securing our safety requires that we all work together.

Everyone has a critical role. Major disasters in a community

can overload the capacity of First Responders, especially during the first critical 12 to 72 hours of the event.

This is where Citizen Corps can play a vital role. Citizen Corps is a component of USA Freedom Corps that creates opportunities for individuals to volunteer to help their communities prepare for and respond to emergencies by bringing together local leaders, citizen volunteers, and organizations such as fire, EMS, and police.

Citizen Corps can provide the community with a well-trained, readily available pool of local people who know their community and who can help during this critical time when outside assistance may have not yet arrived.

Hampton Citizen Corps is a partnership between the citizens of Hampton, businesses, non-profit organizations, Hampton Emergency Management and the Hampton Neighborhood Office.

For more information on becoming involved call the Office of Emergency Management at 727-6414 or the Neighborhood Office at 727-6460

Retail & Tourism Investments Paying Off

Retail sales in Hampton are continuing to climb, with a First Quarter increase of 9 percent (\$268.8 million) over the same period a year ago. In addition, restaurant sales totaled \$37.4 million for the First Quarter, up from \$34.9 million a year ago.

The growth, associated with a significant influx of new restaurants and retail establishments, reflects the early returns on city investments in its retail and tourism industries.

Other Power Plant of Hampton Roads retail-entertainment venues are under construction and scheduled to open this holiday season along the boardwalk on an 8-acre lake.

Tax revenues from retail are a critical part of our city's budget. The city's retail and tourism strategy have a significant pay-off for years to come.

The new investment is an indication of the "rising tide" of new development that city planners said would occur as a result of the Hampton Roads Convention Center which is scheduled to open in Spring 2005.

For more information visit the City's website at www.hampton.gov.

Hampton Awarded EPA Grant

Hampton has been awarded a 2004 EPA Brownfields \$200,000 grant for environmental assessments focusing on the downtown area by Brights Creek. Hampton is one of only two cities in Virginia to receive this funding.

The EPA Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Further information on brownfield sites and legislation can be found at www.epa.gov/brownfields.

Grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize sites, conduct four to six Phase I site assessments to determine if any contaminants are present on the sites, and if so, perform two or three Phase II site assessments, gather and test samples, and conduct community involvement and cleanup planning activities as may be necessary.

Hampton Featured in American Legacy



Hampton is featured on the cover of the summer issue of American Legacy, as the history travel destination for African-American travelers. A Forbes, Inc. publication, the nationally distributed magazine is a sister publication to American Heritage, and is the standard for African-American history. The eight-page, full-color feature covers the historic Aberdeen Gardens neighborhood, Little England Chapel, Fort Monroe, and Hampton University, among sites related to the Black experience in America.

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You can register online for exciting summer classes offered through Hampton Parks and Recreation. Visit the City's website for more information.



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July | COMMUNITY EVENTS

16 VA Youth Symphony Orchestra
7:00 p.m., Buckroe Beach
The Virginia Youth Symphony will perform an "all-movie" concert with movie clips broadcast behind the musicians.

19 Hampton Live
11:30 a.m. on WLRT 1490 AM
This weekly talk show features events and programs in the City of Hampton. This week's topic focuses on youth in the city. You can tune in by radio or online at <http://racetalklive.com/home.dp>.

20 Pomoco Family Movie Series
7 p.m., Buckroe Beach
Bring folding chairs and blankets out every Tuesday night and enjoy free movies. Entertainment begins at 7:00 p.m. and the movie starts at sunset. This week features The Cat in the Hat.



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